

The Best Advertising Medium,
Having a Wide
CIRCULATION
Among Americans Interested
IN SONORA.

The Oasis

A Weekly Newspaper Devoted to
All the
BUSINESS +
INTERESTS
Of
Southern Arizona
and Sonora.

Vol. V. No. 11.

NOGALES, ARIZONA, SATURDAY, JULY 27, 1895.

Whole No. 115

MINAS PRIETAS.

Special Correspondence.

LA COLORADA, SONORA, Mexico, July 25th, 1895.

The camp is peculiarly free from diseases of any kind.

Luke Smith went to work in the Creston mine last week.

Business in the Colorado store is increasing each day since the rains.

Mr. T. N. Marsteller has closed his "botica" and gone to work in the mine.

Mr. L. De Pew has accepted a position in the Amarillas mine at the first and second stations.

Paul Crawford accidentally ignited a box of matches in his fingers last week, but dropped them without anybody telling him to.

The smoke stack at the Colorado hoist blew down in the storm last Sunday a week, but was soon replaced by Chief Engineer Goodman.

Mrs. Marsteller left for Nogales last Sunday on account of an attack of fever. She was accompanied as far as Torres by Mrs. Hansen.

A letter from Miss Augusta J. Burris, the pleasant young lady missionary who has been at her home in Oklahoma City for the past six weeks, states that she will return to her charge in Prietas about August 1st.

A drunken fellow in Prietas last week while playing with a lad on the street, grabbed one of the boy's hands in his own and deliberately broke or dislocated all his fingers by bending them back in a drunken grip.

Tuesday of last week two Mexican employees of La Colorado mine were arrested for cutting their "boletos" with knives to represent holes made with the clerk's punch. The fraud was detected by the clerks in the company's store and now the men are awaiting sentence in the tunnel.

Just as THE OASIS is closing its forms for the press there comes from Bavispe, Sonora, a well authenticated statement that recently an American prospector, name unknown, was waylaid and killed by two young men from the Mormon colony at Batopilas. The partner of the murdered man witnessed the killing and reported the matter to the authorities. The murderers were arrested and shot, confessing that they were hired by another American, named Harper, to commit the crime. The authorities are now looking for Harper, and if caught he will receive a short shrift.

Wednesday Vice Consul R. D. George received from Bisbee several affidavits in the Tribolet matter. They were to the effect that on June 12th Tribolet was at his ranch, some twelve miles distant from the scene of the robbery, for which he was executed. On looking up the record Mr. George detected a discrepancy in dates—the robbery occurring Thursday, June 13th. Mr. George returned the papers to Bisbee for correction.

Yesterday morning Mr. and Mrs. H. L. King arrived from Torres, Sonora, en route to Ceres, New York, near Buffalo, where they go to pass the remainder of the summer. They continued their journey yesterday morning, going via New Orleans.

All druggists sell Dr. Miles' Nerve Plasters.

ITEMS FROM CRITTENDEN.

Special Correspondence.

Miss Stevens contemplates a visit to her father's home in Oklahoma Territory.

Rumor says that appearances about town indicate a wedding in the near future.

Ed. Heinline, well and favorably known here for a long time, is boss carpenter at the Trench mine.

Aby Perrett Jr., formerly employed as section hand at this place, has resigned to take the contract of loading the ore cars here.

W. T. Powers has purchased the blacksmith shop here from John Pomeroy and Mat. Little. Prompt and efficient service, at reasonable prices will govern the new departure.

John Smith has about completed the improvements on his store building, which consist of a new roof, counters, shelving, etc., besides doubling the capacity formerly occupied.

Mrs. Al. Perry and children of Harshaw passed through Crittenden last Saturday on her way to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fenter who live on the Barbacomari, below Elgin.

Wm. Leek and family moved into town recently and have taken up their residence on capitol hill avenue. Mr. L. has employment loading ore from the Washington camp mines.

John Pomeroy has accepted the position as blacksmith at the Trench mine, Harshaw, and has transferred his household goods to the above place. His wife and children, who have been visiting in Nogales, expect to join him during the week.

Boone Lewis is still here awaiting to effect a settlement before taking his departure. He says he intends taking a two months trip and may before his return pay a visit to that widely heralded locality, Aransas Pass. The peerless land-locked harbor of Texas. His wife and daughter are visiting relatives in Illinois.

T. T. Childers recently had A. Henderson arrested on a charge of having cut a wire fence, said to be a division fence between the properties of the above parties. The case came up for a hearing before Judge Vanderlip. After hearing the evidence the case was dismissed, the plaintiff being unable to prove that defendant had been seen cutting the fence.

Judging from the number of petitions being circulated by those desiring to become road overseer in this district, the position must be considered a sinecure. Four are out and more to hear from. Each one solemnly avers that he is actuated by the sole motive, that of his country's good. May the best man win and give us passable roads for it is a well established fact that it is a hard matter to travel over some of them and retain one's Christian spirit.

CURT.

Information from Hermosillo, received yesterday, conveys the intelligence that the government of Sonora has granted H. T. Richards a concession to build a street railway in that city, with horses or electricity, at the option of the concessionaire, for motive power.

Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder
World's Fair Highest Medal and Diploma.

HARSHAW.

A One Time Famous Mining Camp—Yet Doing Well.

The town of Harshaw is situated in a deep cañon surrounded by high hills, an attractive feature is its sense of cleanliness. Nearly every building is painted a snow white and they are kept so. Fine large cottonwood trees adorn the streets as well as umbrella trees. It boasts of two fine bearing orchards, and taken altogether it is a pretty little mountain town—a busy one too. The inhabitants are not idly waiting for something to turn up but are all trying to better their surroundings. Loafers are scarce, and their company not courted.

Richard Farrell runs a general merchandising store; also a restaurant, which requires two Chinamen employees; Al. Perry clerks for Farrell in the store. Mr. Perry is an exceedingly affable gentleman; both he and Mr. Farrell have a charming way of making the sojourner feel perfectly at home.

James Hale is proprietor of a well kept lodging house.

A gentleman with the modest patronymic of Jones runs a saloon and club room etc. He has been in the camp from its start and he delights in expatiating on its past glories which he avers will come again.

A Chinaman better known as "Kid" has opened a new restaurant, and cut the price of meals just half. This same lad recently pulled a gun on a Chinaman who brings vegetables into the camp. He was promptly arrested and taken before Judge Vanderlip (Harshaw has no justice;) but he was released as no one appeared against him.

Jack Parks of Crittenden supplies the camp with fresh meat, twice a week.

Judge Dunn an attorney is an old time fixture.

Another old timer is Mr. Best he runs a team to Crittenden and return daily hauling goods for Farrell. He now carries the mail for Harshaw people, the postoffice having been abolished.

The first mine visited was the Trench about a mile distant from Harshaw. This mine derived its name from the numerous shallow trenches of various lengths and depths made along the vein on croppings by either Spaniards or Mexicans for years before our civil war. No one seems to know much antedating that period. About the beginning of the war Thomas Gardner, now living at Greaterville, discovered and located and called it the Trench. It has changed hands several times. Several have made fortunes and as many more have gone broke. Captain Burgess of Tucson tried it under lease but failed to make pay. Richard Farrell took the lease off his hands. That lease expired and Mr. F. recently got it extended one year, he has found paying ore in quantities. He has eighty-six men on his pay roll; three eight hour shifts; six Americans, the rest Mexicans. He is now shipping about ten tons first class ore per day. He will soon double the shipment. He has just erected a Gates' crusher with a guaranteed capacity of twenty-five tons in ten hours. Through this he will run the second class ore, then through jigs, of

which he has two, and will put up another. Two steam hoists raise the ores. Little water in the mine. Engineers, superintendent and shift bosses are Americans. There are several thousand feet of development work in the mine. The formation is porphyry and syenite. The ore is pockety. The best is said to average \$50 per ton in silver, and is very high in lead, in fact the lead pays nearly shipping and treatment.

The next adjoining property on the east is the Alta, owned by Ex-Senator Norwood, of Mississippi. Large quantities of ore had been taken out. A man by the name of Sloan has taken a lease on the Alta.

Adjoining the Alta on the east is the Hardshell group owned by R. R. Richardson and others, the properties consisting of four claims. Extensive development has been done on these properties. When the Hermosa mill at Harshaw, was running a large amount of ore was extracted and treated there. This property will prove to be one of the best. An immense amount of low grade ore is in sight, but it will not pay to ship at the present price of silver. This is one of the best propositions extant for a big company. One of the workings is a shaft incline on the ledge, now down 210 feet and every foot in ledge matter with frequent pockets of good grade silver ore and a high per cent of lead. Well defined walls, no base metal discernible, and practically free milling ore, are predominant features. Two men are now engaged running a crosscut to catch the hanging wall. Crosscuts above show the vein ten to forty feet wide. Drifting at different points will soon commence. Please bear in mind that this property is on a direct line with the Trench and Alta on the west and the Hermosa on the east, it has the same general surface and characteristic etc. Mr. Richardson expects any day to open up a large body of high grade ore. Specimen assays running way up into the hundreds have been got out of this property. A Joplin hoist is used here. The owners have a millsite about a mile from the property. Storage would give an ample supply of water. Seventy-five cents per ton would doubtless cover the cost of hauling ore to the millsite.

The next mine on the east and adjoining the Hardshell is the Hermosa, owned by Hon. James Finley of Tucson. This mine was long a producing property. It is said that Mr. Finley took out a cool one hundred thousand before silver went down. He then shut down his mill, distant a mile or so from the mine. There are no doubts about the merits of this property.

In a southerly direction from the Hardshell and about two miles distant another belt of mineral is found upon which are located the American and Blue Nose mines owned by Wm. T. Powers of Crittenden, and others. This property is now being worked under lease. It has been a valuable producer and bids fair to again enrich its owners.

Last but not least is the property of Mr. Frank Powers, distant westerly from the Trench about a mile, consisting of the following claims: Josie, Worlds Fair, Silver Lining, Mountain Chief, Wilcott, and Wedge. On these

Concluded on Eighth Page.